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A rapid descent

Wind gusts, falling temperature shift rain to ice to drifting snow

By Alissa Widman Neese
The Columbus Dispatch

Blowing snow buffets a Downtown pedestrian who waits to cross East Broad Street. The arctic scene played out on Friday night as a winter storm unleashed bitterly cold conditions in central Ohio. Snowfall was less than 3 inches by about 9 p.m. Friday, but more was expected through the night. [FRED SQUILLANTE/DISPATCH]

Although seven of Grove City's snowplows were damaged when a service building went up in flames last weekend, the city had replacements at the ready Friday to deal with the icy and then snowy stormfront blowing through central Ohio.

Rain turned into a messy wintry mix across central Ohio around midafternoon Friday, eventually glazing roads and sidewalks before gusty winds brought a blanket of snow Friday night.

Snow continued to fall overnight into Saturday morning, with a total accumulation of 3 to 5 inches expected. Winds gusting up to 40 mph were expected to cause higher drifts in some areas, the National Weather Service in Wilmington warned.

Franklin County and the counties north of it are under a winter-weather advisory until 10 a.m. Saturday. Counties to the south and east are under a winter-storm warning.

Luckily, loaned vehicles have Grove City back at full snowplow strength.

Upper Arlington gave the suburb two of its plows Thursday in addition to five that Grove City had borrowed last weekend from other agencies: one from

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THE PRESIDENCY

Outrage follows Trump's remarks

By Jill Colvin and Alan Fram
The Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday offered a partial denial in public but privately defended his extraordinary remarks disparaging Haitians and African countries a day earlier. Trump said he was only expressing what

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Statement could sabotage travel-ban cases

By Derek Hawkins
The Washington Post

For nearly a year now, a collection of lawyers challenging President Donald Trump's travel ban and other immigration policies have argued, with considerable success, that Trump's plans are driven not by legitimate national security concerns but by bigotry.

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I-270 WRECKS

Crashes increase with Outerbelt construction

By Mark Ferenchik
The Columbus Dispatch

It was just after 7 a.m. during the Thursday morning rush hour when four vehicles collided in the southbound lanes of I-270, in the construction zone underneath the Trabue Road bridge on the West Side.

Soon after, at 7:20 a.m., another six wrecked into one another, just south of the Roberts Road exit.

It was just another day of the paint-swapping, NASCAR-like pileups that block traffic for hours on Columbus' Outerbelt. In these two crashes, there were only minor injuries, with one person from each crash taken to a hospital. But lanes remained closed until 9:30 a.m., forcing scores of

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